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SUBJECT: PROPOSED JOINT MILITARY PLANNING TALKS

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1. DEPT. AND DOD CONCUR IN PRINCIPLE WITH CONCEPT OF JOINT MILITARY PLANNING TALKS (REFTEL). WE ALSO AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT EXPLORATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TALKS IS REQUIRED BEFORE FINAL DECISION CAN BE MADE AND FIRST CONFERENCE SCHEDULED. THE PROBLEM AS WE SEE IT IS TO DETERMINE WHAT SUBJECTS CAN BE ADDRESSED THAT ARE NOT ALREADY COVERED THROUGH EXISTING CHANNELS (E.G. CENTO, ARMISH-MAAG). WE ARE NOT AVERSE TO DISCUSSIONS, BUT SEEK TO AVOID DUPLICATION.

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2. DEPT. AND DOD ALSO AGREE THAT PROPOSED TALKS SHOULD

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BE DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND SHOULD NOT ADDRESS POLICY ISSUES OR SEEK TO PRODUCE OPERATIONAL PLANS. ADDITIONALLY, WE DESIRE THAT TALKS BE CONDUCTED ON MILITARY LEVEL, I.E. MILITARY PARTICIPANTS DISCUSSING MILITARY SUBJECTS.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE TO GENERAL REZVANI. WE THINK NEXT STEP MUST BE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF TOPICS TO BE CONSIDERED IN FIRST ANNUAL SESSION. IF IRANIANS CAN GIVE US IN WRITING A DRAFT AGENDA FOR FIRST JOINT TALKS, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THAT AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL. IF ALL GOES WELL, WE WILL WANT TO TURN THEN TO SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIRST TALKS. ROBINSON

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